

# Village Voice

For the residents of **ST MARGARET** Ilketshall St. Margaret

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

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### Welcome

Welcome to the January 2022 edition of the Village Voice - a chance to report on several events over Christmas and those planned for the NEW YEAR. Perhaps your dear reader could make a visit to the Village Hall as one of your resolutions and make 2022 a year to remember. For all the right reasons.

We must not be discouraged by the emergence of the omicron variant... (unless you are planning on leaving the country). Rest and be thankful for the vaccination programme, I suspect that most of us are in line for the third dose! We just need masks when shopping etc.

Thanks to Jenny & Ruth for keeping us FIT. E.F.O.S. has been going since Nov 2018 and made nearly £3,000 toward the Village Hall. Pop in for a coffee at 11.30 on Mondays, we are open to all. But Jenny has not stopped there, she introduced the infamous bingo set to the Hall and we now have a monthly BINGO NIGHT, with cash prizes and a draw, now well attended from far and wide.

### Contacts for the Village Hall

Eva 01986 7871312 Maggie (bookings) 781640  
Val 781540 Jenny 781657 and Jon text to  
07940 913975

**Celebrate Christmas with the SAINTS CHOIR** at  
Homersfield on 20 Dec at 6 o'clock  
St Peter's on 23 Dec at 6 o'clock  
And have a pint afterwards!

### Christmas Services in the Saints' Benefice

**Christmas Eve:** Ilketshall St Margaret's at 3pm  
(seasonal refreshments after); Flixton at 5pm;  
Midnight Mass 11pm at St Cross.

**Christmas Day:** Family Communion 10am  
Homersfield.

### Church services at Ilketshall St Margaret's

Sunday 23 January at 10am - Holy Communion

Every Thursday at 9am - Holy Communion

Sunday 27 February 3pm Sunday before Lent -  
Evening Prayer

*Details of all Sunday services in the Saints' benefice are published in the Saints' Alive electronic newsletter distributed by [sange.wilson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sange.wilson@yahoo.co.uk)*

**Dates for the MOBILE LIBRARY** Wednesday  
outside the Church at 2.45pm until 3.10pm on 26  
January, 23 February, 23 March, 20 April, 18 May,  
15 June, 10 August, 7 September, 5 October, 2  
November, 30 November, 28 December

**GET ON BOARD.** When required dial-a-ride  
01986 896896 door to door service for doctor,  
dentist, even Norwich hospital. Register first on the  
above number.

**Don't forget the shoppa bus Thursdays to  
Bungay Market High Street @ 10.32... Low Street  
@ 10.37 St Peter's St Michael's All Saints' South  
Elmham. Totem pole Flixton Buck and into town  
@ 11.15 Return @ 14.45  
For £1 each way**

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday & Sunday 11 & 12 Dec CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** in Village Hall 11am to 4pm

**Wednesday 15 Dec BINGO** 7pm Cash Prizes  
With Festive nibbles and draw!

**Sunday 19 Dec 1pm CHRISTMAS LUNCH** £10  
please contact Eva to book

**Wednesday 12 Jan BINGO** 7pm cash prizes

**Friday 24 December CAROL SERVICE** 3pm

**Saturday 29 Jan BURNS NIGHT** £10

**Tuesday 1st February FELTING CLASS**

**Wednesday 9 Feb BINGO**

**Saturday 19 Feb VALENTINE'S NIGHT**

**Saturday 19 March ST PATRICK'S NIGHT**

**Wednesday 29 March BINGO**

**Saturday 23 April ST GEORGE'S DO**

**Thursday to Sunday Bank Hol** 3 to 5 June

**QUEEN'S 70TH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** to be arranged

### Village Hall update

A grant from Adnam's Brewery was the catalyst for the renovations in the kitchen, started in August. Our thanks must go to Tony for his building skills moving the wall, lowering the hatch and installing the new sink, with his pal, Tim. Work is still ongoing to complete the serving counter. Thanks to Chris, we now have two 'Hostess Trollies' and we hope this is enough to heat plates and keep food warm for service. The Christmas Luncheon will be the first food function since work began... Talking of which, please notify Eva, Maggie, Jenny, Val or Jon if you wish to attend as seats are limited.

### Chairman's notes

The Village Hall trustees have met and are pleased to report that the work to improve the kitchen and refresh the toilets has gone well.

We hope to test this soon with the Christmas Lunch and are planning a return to our regular saints & special day dinners in 2022. See you there or at any of the other events, Bingo Quiz or Craft Fair. Happy Christmas to you all.

### Decorating the tree

On Sunday 5 December, a group of children led by Val, with Rev. Leon Collyer, decorated the Christmas tree in the Church, carols were sung, and biscuits and cakes were eaten!



### Christmas Fair

Did you find the time to look in on the Christmas Craft & Gift Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th December? Lots of homemade crafty gifts were available.

### Nature Notes - Brenda Mace

Winter is here now and what a strange one it is. I've got yellow buddleia still flowering with snowdrops peeping out of the ground. The redwings are back again in flocks of 100+. It's very muddy underfoot, so plenty of opportunity to see what wildlife has been passing around the village at night - red deer, roe deer, water deer, muntjac and hares. A moonlight walk with a friend revealed reflective eyes staring into the torch-light... then they were gone. We have put the woodpecker guards on the beehives - it's still mild enough for them. We have seen a woodpecker trying to get into the sparrow boxes!